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In re application of:

Shi et al.

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

- 1. The above-referenced application refers to chimeric constructs for targeted treatment of microbial infections.
- The claims presently stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as allegedly 2. obvious over Lehrer (US Patent No. 6,492,328) in view of Shi (US Publ. No. 20040052814, "Shi '814").
- Section 103(c) provides that "subject matter ... which qualifies as prior art 3. ... shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person."

4. In accordance with the guidelines offered by MPEP § 706.02(l)(2), I certify as follows:

The present application and Shi '814 will be considered by the examiner to be owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment, to the same organization at the time the invention was made.

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